REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reexamined.

Claims 1-19 and 21-25 are pending in this application. The Office Action mailed April 4, 2008 (hereinafter "Office Action"), rejected Claims 1-19 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,036,046, issued to Ali (hereinafter "Ali").

While applicants respectfully disagree, in order to advance the prosecution of the current application, independent Claims 1, 6, 18, 21, 23, and 24 have been amended.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and for the reasons set forth below, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. Prior to discussing in detail why applicants believe that all the claims in this application are allowable, a brief description of the disclosed subject matter and brief descriptions of the teachings of the cited and applied references are provided. The following descriptions of the disclosed subject matter and the cited and applied references are not provided to define the scope or interpretation of any of the claims of this application. Instead, these descriptions are provided solely to assist the United States Patent and Trademark Office in recognizing the differences between the pending claims and the cited references, and should not be construed as limiting on the disclosed subject matter.

Disclosed Subject Matter

A network portal for aggregating, prioritizing, and presenting application issue data received from independent software vendors (ISV) is disclosed. The application issue data regards defects, test results, etc. Software modules included in a portal server prioritize the data based on criteria provided by the ISVs. In one form, a portal server provides a Web page that enables each ISV to view the application issue data, select the application issue data relevant to each ISV, and have the selected data presented in various customized views.

The application issue aggregation and prioritization module obtains application issue data through a network interface to a plurality of ISVs. The module then aggregates the issues that pertain to a particular application and prioritizes the aggregated issues according to criteria. The ISVs access the module through a second interface to obtain the aggregated and prioritized data.

The application issue data is presented to a user, the presentation including the names of the applications associated with the user, a number of blocking issue data items associated with each application, a number of quality issue data items associated with each application, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with each application, each application name is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising blocking issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the quality issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and each number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.

Summary of Ali (U.S. Patent No. 7,036,046)

Ali is purportedly directed towards a system and method of tracking an error condition detectable in a communication network. The method includes generating first derived communication attributes from collected statistics from the communication network in a first time interval and retaining the first derived communication attributes. The method further includes generating second derived communication attributes from collected statistics from the communication network in a second time interval, comparing values for the first and the second derived communication attributes to generate a comparison result, and utilizing the comparison result as a factor in determining a status of the error condition. While Ali describes tracking errors in a network, Ali fails to teach a presentation of errors via a customizable user interface,

the presentation including the names of the applications associated with the ISV, a number of blocking issue data items associated with each application, a number of quality issue data items associated with each application, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with each application, wherein each application name is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising blocking issue data for the corresponding application, each number of the quality issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and each number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.

Rejection of Claims 1-19 and 21-25 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

As indicated above, Claims 1-19 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ali.

Claims 1-5

Claim 1, as amended, reads as follows:

> A portal server for a network of computing devices for aggregating application issue data from a plurality of independent software vendors (ISVs), the portal server being accessible by one or more application developers of the ISVs via a network computing device, the portal server comprising:
> a data interface for accessing a plurality of application issue data sources for obtaining application issue data regarding one or more applications associated with each of the ISVs, **the application issue data including blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data;**
> a network interface accessible by each of the one or more application developers; and
> an aggregation module for aggregating the application **issue** data by application and for presenting to each of the one or more application developers via the network interface a customizable user interface that presents **the** aggregated **application issue** data regarding only the one or

more applications associated with that ISV and **omits the** application **issue data** for applications not associated with that ISV, **the presentation including the names of the applications associated with the ISV, a number of blocking issue data items associated with each application, a number of quality issue data items associated with each application, and a number of compatibility fix issue data items associated with each application, wherein**

> **each application name is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising application issue data for the corresponding application,**
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> **each number of the blocking issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising blocking issue data for the corresponding application,**
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> **each number of the quality issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising quality issue data for the corresponding application, and**
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> **each number of the compatibility fix issue data items is a hyperlink to an issue list comprising compatibility fix issue data for the corresponding application.**

(Emphasis added.)

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Ali, because Ali fails to teach, disclose, or suggest the recitations of Claim 1 marked in bold. Specifically, Ali fails to teach or suggest the application issue data including blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data, and the presentation of the application issue data to a user as recited in Claim 1. For at least these reasons Claim 1, as amended, is submitted to be allowable. Claims 2-5, which depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1, are also submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons why Claim 1 is submitted to be allowable.

Claims 6-17

Because independent Claim 6 has been amended with the subject matter of and in a manner similar to Claim 1, Claim 6 is submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1. Because Claims 7-17 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 6, Claims 7-17 are also submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons why Claim 6 is submitted to be allowable.

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<u>Claims 18-19 and 21-25</u>

Independent Claims 18, 21, 23, and 24 have been amended to recite **the application issue data including blocking issue data, quality issue data, and compatibility fix issue data.** (Emphasis added.) Because Ali fails to teach, disclose, or suggest the above recitation, Claims 18, 21, 23, and 24 are submitted to be allowable over Ali. Because Claims 19 and 22 depend from Claim 18, and because Claim 25 depends from Claim 21, Claims 19, 22, and 25 are submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons why Claims 18 and 21 are submitted to be allowable.

<div align="center">CONCLUSION</div>

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the remaining claims pending in this application are allowable. Early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this application to issue is respectfully solicited. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the number set forth below.

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